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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Senate Bill No. 652 by Senator Hebert

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

VOTERS/VOTING. Provides relative to the form of a proposition or question submitted to voters at certain elections and certain time periods relative to filling vacancies in certain offices. (1/1/11)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Add changes to present law applicable to the form of a proposition for bond, debt, and tax elections.
2. Change the time period in which to fill vacancies in certain offices from within 10 days after vacancy to 20 days after the vacancy.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law (R.S. 18:1284 and 1299.1) provides relative to bond, debt, and tax elections and other elections where a proposition or question is put to the voters. Present law provides requirements for a statement of a proposition to be submitted to the voters. Present law provides that the statement is the responsibility of the governing authority, political subdivision, or other entity calling the election. Present law requires certain information to be included, including a simple, unbiased, and concise summary of the proposition. Present law provides that the statement of the proposition shall not exceed 400 words. Present law provides that the secretary of state is responsible for ensuring that the statement of the proposition contains a summary as required by present law.

Proposed law repeals references to a "statement of a proposition" and applies requirements to the proposition itself. Proposed law repeals the requirement that the proposition contain a summary. Proposed law provides that the proposition shall not exceed 200 words, instead of 400. Proposed law requires the proposition to be stated in the form of a question. Proposed law provides that the secretary of state shall ensure that the proposition complies with proposed law.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides relative to vacancies in office of elective members of state boards and commissions, certain local and municipal offices, and the office of constable or marshal of a city or municipal court. Present law provides for appointment to fill vacancy by appropriate entity

within 10 days of notification.

Proposed law changes the time period for filling such vacancies from within 10 days to within 20 days after the vacancy.

Effective January 1, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 18:591, 602(A), (B), and (C), 604(B)(1) and (2)(a), 1284(F) and 1299.1)